

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A storage container for holding an item of recorded media having a central opening; the storage container comprising:

at least a bottom wall defining an opening;

a retaining device connected to the bottom wall;

the retaining device including a bridge having first and second ends;

the bridge spanning the opening defined by the bottom wall with the first and second ends of the bridge disposed on and connected to opposite sides of the opening defined by the bottom wall;

at least a first arm disposed on the bridge; the first arm being adapted to engage the item of recorded media;

a push button disposed on the bridge; the push button being spaced from the arm; and

the bridge movable downwardly toward the opening defined by the bottom wall to release the arm from the item of recorded media.

2. (Original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge are parallel with the bottom wall.

3. (Original) The storage container of claim 2, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge have a thickness; the bottom wall having a thickness; the thickness of the bottom wall being greater than the thickness of the first and second ends.

4. (Previously presented) A storage container for holding an item of recorded media having a central opening; the storage container comprising:

at least a bottom wall defining an opening;

a retaining device connected to the bottom wall;

the retaining device including a bridge having first and second ends;

the bridge spanning the opening defined by the bottom wall with the first and second ends of the bridge disposed on opposite sides of the opening defined by the bottom wall;

at least a first arm disposed on the bridge; the first arm being adapted to engage the item of recorded media;

a push button disposed on the bridge; the push button being spaced from the first arm;

the bridge being adapted to be pressed downwardly toward the opening defined by the bottom wall to release the arm from the item of recorded media;

the first and second ends of the bridge being parallel with the bottom wall; and

the first and second ends of the bridge having edges and end portions; the edges of the first and second ends of the retaining device being spaced from the bottom wall by slots.

5. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein a second arm is connected to the bridge; each of the arms being adapted to engage the item of recorded media.

6. (Original) The storage container of claim 5, wherein each of the two spaced arms is disposed substantially perpendicular to the bridge.

7. (Original) The storage container of claim 6, wherein the push button is spaced from and disposed between the two arms.

8. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, further comprising a fixed support disposed adjacent the bridge.

9. (Original) The storage container of claim 8, wherein the bridge includes an upwardly extending wall connected to the first end, an upper wall connected to the upwardly extending wall, and another upwardly extending wall connected to the second end and the upper wall.

10. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the upper wall is parallel to the first and second ends.

11. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the arm and the push button are connected to the upper wall.

12. (Original) The storage container of claim 9, wherein the fixed support defines an upper surface and the upper wall defines an upper surface; the upper surface of the fixed support being substantially coplanar with the upper surface of the upper wall.

13. (Previously presented) A storage container for holding an item of recorded media having a central opening; the storage container comprising:

a bottom wall;

a retaining device connected to the bottom wall;

the retaining device including a bridge having first and second ends;

the bridge having a raised portion intermediate the first and second ends of the bridge;

a pair of spaced arms connected to the raised portion of the bridge; each of the arms adapted to be disposed in the central opening of the item of recorded media;

a push button connected the bridge; the push button being spaced from and intermediate the arms; and

the bridge moveable downwardly toward the bottom wall to move the arms toward each other.

14. (Original) The storage container of claim 13, further comprising a fixed support disposed adjacent the raised portion of the bridge.

15. (Original) The storage container of claim 14, wherein the raised portion of the bridge includes a pair of upwardly projecting walls and an upper wall.

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28. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the slots are connected to the opening defined by bottom wall.

29. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge are integral with the bottom wall.

30. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the push button does not collapse with respect to the bridge.

31. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 5, wherein the two arms move toward each other when the bridge is pushed down.

32. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge are parallel with the bottom wall.

33. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge have a thickness; the bottom wall having a thickness; the thickness of the bottom wall being greater than the thickness of the first and second ends.

34. (New) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the first and second ends of the bridge have edges and end portions; the end portions being coplanar with the bottom wall.

35. (New) The storage container of claim 34, wherein the edges of the first and second ends are spaced from the bottom wall by slots.

36. (New) The storage container of claim 35, wherein the slots are parallel to each other.

37. (New) The storage container of claim 36, further comprising a second arm disposed on the bridge; the second arm being adapted to engage the item of recorded media; the second arm being spaced from the first arm and being spaced from the push button.

38. (New) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the bridge includes an upper wall from which the first arm and push button project; the upper wall entirely surrounding the first arm and push button.